to take an appropriate decision on the question of accepting the tribal people of Rawalta and Jaunpuri as members of Scheduled Tribe;

(b) whether as observed by the Apex Court these tribes have been agitating on the issue since 1953; and

(c) if so, what decision has been taken in the matter, indicating how far these tribes fulfil the criteria and conditions, if any, laid down for inclusion of tribe amongst the Scheduled Tribes and the reasons for delay?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No such information is available with the Ministry which supports that Rawaltas and Jaunpuris have been agitating for their specification as Scheduled Tribes since 1953.

(c) For determining the tribal characteristics of Rawaltas and Jaunpuris, report has been called from the State Government of Uttar Pradesh as required under Article 342 of the Constitution of India.

Boys and Girls Hostels in Tribal Areas of Orissa

3065. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to set up some Boys and Girls Hostels in tribal areas of Orissa;

(b) whether the proposal to set up Ashram Schools is pending with Government;

(c) if so, whether the proposals would be implemented during the Ninth Plan;

(d) if so, the steps taken to increase the ceiling limit for the establishment of these hostels and schools in the tribal areas; and

(e) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a) The Government does not set up Boys and Girls Hostels for STs in tribal areas on its own. However, the Government gives grants for meeting 50% of the cost of construction of such hostels under a Centrally Sponsored Scheme. The remaining 50% cost of the construction, land free of cost and expenditure on maintenance and running of such hostels is to be met by the State Government

from out of its own budget. At present no such proposal of State Government of Orissa is pending with the Government.

(b) No proposal of setting up Ashram schools in Orissa is pending with the Government.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) and (e) There is no ceiling limit on the number of hostels. The proposals are considered by Government of India, as and when received from the States, subject to the condition that the proposal is as per the norms of the scheme.

Delhi High Court's notice to Government regarding Implementation of Tribal Schemes

3066. SHRI GANDHI AZAD: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS to pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Delhi High Court has issued a notice to Government to submit a status report of implementation of the schemes and porgrammes of special Central assistance to the tribal sub-plan;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government have been failing in their Constitutional and Statutory duty as has been alleged in the petition; and

(c) if so, the remedial action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a) to (c) An advance copy of a Public Interst Civil Writ Petition filed by Dr. B. L. Wadehra of New Delhi, in the High Court of Delhi, under article 226 of the Constitution of India seeking issuance of appropriate writ direction to the Union of India to effectively evaluate the operation of the scheme for economic upliftment of the Scheduled Tribes population in the country and providing protection against exploitation, has been received. The matter is *sub judice.*

Fund given for Tribal Affairs in the NER

3067. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS to pleased to state:

(a) the amount given to tribal affairs in the North-East Region during the Eighth Five Year Plan and at beginning of Ninth Five Year Plan, State-wise;

(b) the fund given for the State of Manipur, item-wise; and

(c) whether there is any special fund release to the area where the Sixth